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The City of Greenbelt, Maryland Police Department will participate in International Law Enforcement Re-Accreditation Process

## **Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment**

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive June 2, 2019 and spend several days examining all aspects of the City of Greenbelt Police Department policies, procedures, management, operations and support services.

The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar but out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals and visit the various areas throughout the city where compliance can be observed.

The City of Greenbelt Police Department was originally accredited in 2006 and re-accredited in 2009, 2012 and 2015. Maintaining this status is an on-going process and requires constant monitoring and updating of policies and procedures to assure that the City of Greenbelt Police Department meet the Commission's standards. Re-accreditation is a formal recognition of the agency's professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, a telephone number has been established to invite agency employees and members of the public to offer comments to the assessment team. The public may call (240) 542-2111 on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 3:00 PM. Agency employees and the public are also invited to offer comments at a public information session on Tuesday June 4, 2019 beginning at 6:00 P.M. The session will be conducted at the City of Greenbelt Police Department 550 Crescent Road Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 5 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available from the Accreditation manager at the Greenbelt Police Department 550 Crescent Road Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of our agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then determine if the agency is to be granted re-accredited status.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the City of Greenbelt Police Department's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) at 13575 Heathcote Blvd, Suite 320, Gainsville, VA 20155 or call (703)352-4225, Attn: Mr. Laura Saunders, Program Manager.

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